

DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES

New Zealand Mobile Operator launches Satellite Direct-to-Device with Starlink

One NZ has launched its satellite direct-to-device (D2D) service in partnership with Starlink. The service will be provided to existing customers at no extra cost, allowing them to send text messages by satellite when no terrestrial coverage is available. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

EU's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)-Digital Programme will enhance Access to Backbone Connectivity for all Citizens

Access to backbone connectivity varies significantly across the European Union (EU) and, in some regions, inadequate connectivity can impact the development and performance of access networks. **Total Telecom** ([read more](#))

Stakeholders clash over 6G Spectrum Needs

Discussions at the European 5G Conference in Brussels last week revealed that operators and vendors strongly believe additional spectrum for 6G is needed. **Policy Tracker** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POSTAL SECTOR

Ofcom proposes Changes to the Universal Service Obligation, including reduced Frequency of Delivery and relaxed Quality of Service

Ofcom, the UK communications regulator, is proposing changes to the postal universal service obligation, including reduced delivery frequency for second class mail and relaxed quality of service targets for USO letters. **Cullen International** ([read more](#) – subscription required)

New Innovation at Royal Mail's Parcel Hub

Royal Mail has unveiled the latest innovation at its state-of-the-art Northwest Parcel Hub, which reduces the average time it takes to unload an HGV trailer from three and-a-half hours to just six minutes. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN TELECOM AND POSTAL SERVICES

DHL takes a “Significant Step to achieve NetZero Emission Logistics by 2050

To further strengthen their collaboration on reducing emissions in logistics, DHL Group and Neste have agreed to jointly evaluate how Neste's renewable solutions such as renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel can support DHL in its decarbonisation targets in air and road transportation. **Post & Parcel** ([read more](#))